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SUBJECT: MADAGASCAR AND REVERSE TRADE PREFERENCES

REFS: STATE 55671 AND 66492

BEGIN SUMMARY: NEW GOMR NOT YET SEIZED OF MATTER OF REVERSE PREFERENCES IN FAVOR OF EEC COUNTRIES, BUT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO ABOLISH THEM. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING CALL MAR 28 ON MALAGASY MINISTER FINANCE MAJOR RAKOTOARIJAONA I HANDED HIM COPY OF EMBASSY NOTE TO FONOFF ABOUT US DESIGNATION OF MADAGASCAR AS ELIGIBLE FOR U.S. GENERALIZED TRADE PREFERENCES ON ASSUMPTION MADAGASCAR WILL ABOLISH REVERSE PREFERENCES IN FAVOR OF EEC COUNTRIES, AND INQUIRED ABOUT PRESENT STATUS OF MALAGASY REVERSE PREFERENCES. I POINTEDLY NOTED TO HIM AS FINANCE MINISTER THAT ELIMINATION OF REVERSE PREFERENCES SHOULD INCREASE TREASURY'S CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

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2. MINISTER STATED MATTER OF LOME CONVENTION HAD BEEN

RAISED ON SECOND DAY OF RATSIMANDRAVA GOVERNMENT'S BRIEF
EXISTENCE IN FEBRUARY WHEN FONOFF OFFICIAL TRIED PRESENT
2-FOOT DOSSIER TO CABINET. RATSIMANDRAVA SENT HIM BACK
TO BOIL QUESTION DOWN TO A PRECIS.

3. MATTER HAS NOT YET REACHED FINANCE MINISTER AGAIN,
BUT HE AGREED THAT HE AND MINISTER ECONOMY AND COMMERCE
WOULD BE OFFICIALS PRIMARILY CONCERNED. HE SAID REVERSE
PREFERENCE QUESTION WOULD BE APPROACHED FROM STANDPOINT
MADAGASCAR'S INTEREST. I RESPONDED THAT IN THIS CASE
INTERESTS OF MADAGASCAR AND U.S. APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL.
HE SMILINGLY AGREED.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE PRESENT GOMR VIRTUALLY CERTAIN ELIMINATE
REVERSE PREFERENCES. WE SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME CHECK
TO SEE WHETHER ACTUAL PROCEDURAL STEP TAKEN TO DO SO.
COPY OF NOTE I LEFT WITH FINANCE MINISTER SHOULD SERVE
AS REMINDER TO GET ON WITH MATTER.
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